



Acts 17. Paul preaching in Thessalonica.

August 23, 2026

A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when the offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

August 23, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Tony Deas
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Cheryl Hedlund
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Toni Sherman
Flowers
Ron and Sharon Johnson
Tellers
Sharlene Parken/Sharon Hurd
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

August 30, 2026

Usher
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Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Assistant
Ron Johnson
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/Lorraine Stargel
Coffee Hour
Valerie Claiborne/Judy Williams
Flowers
Lorraine Stargel
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

August 23, 2026, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.

Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.

After the service, we talk to each other.

MISSION STATEMENT

"We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ron and Sharon Johnson
In celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Lead Me to Calvary”

arr. Roe

Praise Song

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
We gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

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We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 Our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy,
 Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons,
 Blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy!
 All the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 Around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim
 Falling down before thee,
 Which wert and art
 And evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy!
 Though the darkness hide thee,
 Though the eye made blind by sin
 Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy;
 There is none beside thee,
 Perfect in pow'r
 In love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy!
 Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise thy name
 In earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy,
 Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons,
 Blessed Trinity!

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, O Lord. O Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are to be feared.

C: O Lord, hear our cry.

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: O Lord...

C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, O Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us our sins, for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. O people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare unto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us.

C: Praise be to God. Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Romans 12:1-8 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one

body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 138 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**C: ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

R: ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

C: ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

R: ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C: ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

R: ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

**C: ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Acts 17:1-15 (ESV)

¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." ⁸ And the

people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"Jesus Is the Cornerstone"

sung by Toni Sherman

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LBW 212

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees; **(Refrain)**

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2

Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees; **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees; **(Refrain)**

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

HWC 345

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Perfect submission—all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **(Refrain)**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction *(please stand)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

LBW 532

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed; **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

But when I think That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died To take away my sin; **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”
(Refrain)

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.*